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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1446
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Sinking of FIC
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Navy Craft T-304 and First Interceptor Craft (FIC) sank recently in north-east of Chennai; and

(b) if so, the facts and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Fast Interceptor Craft (FIC) T-304 on a routine deployment off Chennai, sank on 21.01.2016 in a position approximately 90 nautical miles North East of Chennai, due to reported fire in her engine room. During this deployment, FIC T-304 was in company of Indian Navy Ships Cheriyam, FAC 83 and FIC T-303. The proactive actions by Cheriyam resulted in safe rescue of all six personnel onboard FIC T-304.

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